Export of leather and leather products

1659. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any growth was recorded in export of leather and leather products during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the targets fixed and the achievements made in this regard;

(d) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to boost the exports of leather/leather products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) India's exports of leather and leather products have increased during the last three years as indicated in the table below. State-wise figures for exports are not maintained.

(In Million US$)

Year	Export Target (Achievement)	Actual Exports*	Percentage growth
2002-03	2030	1940.83	—
2003-04	2000	2154.93	11.03
2004-05	2284	2261.16	4.92

*(Source-DGCI&S, Kolkata)

(d) and (e) Government is taking steps to implement the Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP), with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore, *inter-alia* for technology upgradation, modernization and expansion of the leather industry as well as for infrastructure development and capacity building. Government is also supporting the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) and individual exporters for exports of leather products through the Market Development. Assistance and the Market Access Initiative Schemes.